



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 19, 2015, in 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Director Demers
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
Annette Knowles, Assistant to the City Manager
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Schultz
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. George Heitsch, Farmington Public School Superintendent, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. George Heitsch, Farmington Public School Superintendent, discussed the proposed school operating millage renewal on the November ballot.

Council expressed support for the millage renewal.

Dan Irvin, Executive Director of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce, presented a plaque to Councilmember McShane in recognition of her retirement from City Council and her service to the community.

Bill Dwyer, Oakland County Commissioner, provided an update on Oakland County activities.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Murphy requested an amendment to the Consent Agenda, adding under Item

"B" the resignations of Jill Babcock from the Planning Commission and Michael Harrison from the Historical Commission.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, adding under Item "B" the resignations of Jill Babcock from the Planning Commission and Michael Harrison from the Historical Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

- A. Consideration to Schedule Program Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application Public Hearing**
- B. Consideration to Accept the Resignation of Dwayne Hayes from the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee**
- C. Consideration to Approve Special Event Request for LifeTime Fitness, Inc./Commitment Day 5K**
- D. Building Department First Quarter Report**
- E. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- F. Public Safety Monthly Report-September 2015**
- G. Minutes**
 - 1. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Aug 3, 2015 6:00 PM**
 - 2. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Aug 17, 2015 6:00 PM**
 - 3. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Aug 17, 2015 7:00 PM**
 - 4. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Aug 24, 2015 7:00 PM**
 - 5. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Sep 21, 2015 7:00 PM**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Proclamation Naming Nov. 13 World Pancreatic Cancer Day

Mayor Galvin read a proclamation recognizing November 13th as "World Pancreatic Cancer Day" in the City of Farmington.

Burt David, representing the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, was present to receive the proclamation.

B. Consideration to Approve Special Event Application for Holly Days

Dan Irvin, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Director, was present to discuss "Light Up the Grand" holiday light parade scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Motion to approve an event request from the Greater Area Chamber of Commerce to hold the second annual "Light Up the Grand" holiday lighted parade on Grand River beginning at Warner Street and ending at Wilmarth Street on Saturday, December 5, 2015, from 6:00-7:00 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

C. MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Final Report

Joe Meyers, Planner for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, discussed the process for becoming a redevelopment ready community. He reviewed a report of findings for the City of Farmington. He discussed the certification process going forward.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of being a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC). Meyers noted developers are now strongly encouraging communities to obtain the RRC certification.

Cowley discussed the challenges restaurants face in obtaining financing. He noted the FDIC has red-lined Michigan. He asked for assistance from the MEDC in lobbying the Federal government regarding current regulations on lending money.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Christiansen advised the next steps in the certification process include: 1) governing body adopts a resolution of support to proceed with RRC; 2) continue to take steps towards certification; and 3) staff submits quarterly progress reports.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was heard.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Special Event Request-Calendar Year 2016

Annette Knowles, Assistant to the City Manager, reviewed a proposed Downtown Development Authority 2016 event calendar.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Knowles advised the Harvest Moon event is not extended to Saturday because it is not financially feasible, volunteers are exhausted, and the need to set up for the Farmers Market.

Cowley suggested moving the event to Farmington Road, noting this would alleviate parking concerns. He would like to see the Scare Crow contest brought back.

McShane stated the importance of keeping good, proven events in place. She also enjoyed the Scare Crow contest and would like to see it brought back. She suggested other ideas, including a Zombie Walk.

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the Downtown Development Authority's 2016 Event Calendar as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

B. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Approving 2016 City Council Meeting Dates

Motion to adopt a resolution establishing 2016 City Council meeting dates as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

C. Recognition of JoAnne McShane for her 26 years of service to Farmington

Commissioner Bill Dwyer, on behalf of the Oakland County Commissioners, presented Councilmember McShane with a proclamation in recognition of her service and commitment to the community.

State Senator Gregory and State Representative Greig presented a special tribute to Councilmember McShane.

Cowley congratulated McShane on all of her years of service. He has always respected her position on issues and her passion for the City.

Schneemann stated McShane has been an inspiration to him and she is one of the reasons he joined City Council. She sets a wonderful example of effective community leadership. She always had the best interest of those in the community, including those who have little or no voice.

Scott noted McShane has attended over 800 meetings during her tenure on Council---a significant commitment to the citizens of our community. In addition to Council meetings, he noted all of the other additional meetings she has attended in serving on Boards, Commissions and other organizations. He stated her level of volunteerism is amazing. He asked her to look around at all her successes and accomplishments. He thanked her for her support, guidance and insight over the past two years he has served on Council.

Galvin thanked her family for allowing her to give all the hours to the city. He stated the one thing he has learned the most from her is to respectfully disagree and continue to

remain friends. He presented her with copies of the agendas from her first and last Council meetings. He read a proclamation in recognition of her service to the City.

McShane offered a few comments regarding her service to the City and her retirement. She noted the various boards and commissions she has served on over the years. She was elected to the City Council in 1989 and served two terms as Mayor. She noted two sad and disappointing times she has had in her career on Council. The first one occurred during her tenure as Mayor when in 1996 the crisis of the Legionnaire's disease occurred causing the death of 2 people and 22 others were sickened. Her other disappointment is that the City never adopted an Historic District Ordinance to preserve and save its historic homes.

McShane stated her happy moments far outweighed her sad ones. She enjoyed officiating at weddings, was ringmaster at the Shrine Circus, chaired a Chinese New Year's celebration and always loved the parades.

McShane noted she has been privileged to be an integral part of many of Farmington's accomplishments over the past twenty years. She noted purchase of the Civic Theater, built the playscape in Shiawassee Park, instituted recycling program, reconstructed Farmington Road, secured a transportation service for seniors when Krogers closed at Grand River and Halstad, obtained a successful dedicated road millage, built Riley Park and Sundquist Pavilion, completed a sewer separation project, reorganized the departments of Public Works and City Administration, Farmers Market was started and the Grand River Streetscape was completed.

McShane stated the City has consistently maintained its AA bond rating. She is proud of the fact that the City maintained a stable financial condition through significant financial and economic challenges and set the stage for future economic development.

McShane stated her focus has always been to maintain City services without increasing the millage, provide strong fiscal management and ensure a safe and vibrant community. She is proud to say Farmington has been a small City with big ideas and a big heart.

McShane thanked everyone who helped to create the lovely party she had on October 11th. She thanked the wonderful City employees, including administrative staff, City Manager's office, exceptional Public Safety Department and the department of Public Services. She is proud to say Farmington has been a very stable City with long term employees and outstanding volunteers.

McShane stated these 26 years have included some of the most amazing and rewarding experiences of her life. In closing, she thanked everyone who has enriched her life and given her the courage, support, and love she needed to serve the community and be the most dedicated Farmington advocate she could possibly be.

A video from former City Manager Pastue was shown in which he recognized her commitment and service to the community.

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Eudy congratulated McShane on her retirement. He spoke about her encouraging smile at his first Council meeting that gave him the ability to relax and address Council.

Eudy announced leaf pick-up will begin the following Monday morning on October 26th.

Demers recognized McShane's service over the past many years. He spoke about delivering the Council packet to her residence when he was new to the department and how she was always warm and welcoming. He thanked her for the tremendous support she has always given to his department. He wished her the best in health and happiness in her retirement.

Weber wished McShane good luck in her retirement. He thanked her for always supporting employees even through the tough financial times. He thanked her for her involvement in the Schools.

Christiansen stated it has been a pleasure to know and serve McShane as Councilmember. She truly is a friend of Farmington. He would like to see her stay involved, citing a few committees on which she could serve.

Schultz noted he has seen a number of good Councilmembers over the past 20+ years and he counts McShane as one of the most conscientious and hard working and certainly the most fair and consistent. He stated she is one of the most consequential council members he has had the opportunity to serve.

Murphy stated it has been a pleasure to work with McShane.

Halberstadt thanked McShane for her service and commitment to the community. She urged everyone to vote at the November 3rd City election.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Schneemann encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming November 3, 2015 election.

Cowley addressed recent comments on social media regarding the City's intention to replace historic homes with new development.

Scott expressed his desire to preserve contributing historical structures. He would like to see a certified Historic District in the City. He noted the difference between a contributing and non-contributing historical structure.

McShane advised that without an Historical District ordinance historical homes cannot be saved.

11. CLOSED SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

1. Motion to enter closed session to discuss land acquisition.

The votes were taken in the following order: McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley, Galvin.

Council entered closed session at 8:55 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

2. Motion to exit closed session.

Council exited closed session at 10:10 p.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____